

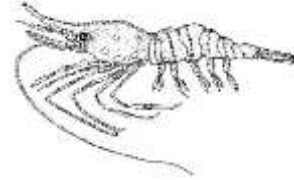
# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMERCIAL**

#### **SHRIMP POT SEASON FIRST FISHING PERIOD EXTENDED**

#### **EMERGENCY ORDER 2-SF-E-02-12**

The Prince William Sound (PWS) Area E commercial shrimp pot fishery opened at 8:00 a.m. April 15 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 51,240 lb. Currently the reported harvest is approximately 2,961 pounds of shrimp harvested by 19 vessels in 20 landings. Harvest and effort in the fishery has been slower than expected, with catch per unit effort (CPUE) averaging 0.71 lb whole shrimp per pot. Therefore, in order to provide additional fishing time, the first fishing period of the PWS Area E commercial shrimp pot fishery is **extended indefinitely and will close either September 15 or earlier by emergency order**. Hours of gear operation remain 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.

Required reporting is described in regulation and on the vessel registration. Two separate reports must be called into (907) 424-7215; harvest reports must be phoned in every Wednesday before noon and catch reports must be phoned in prior to removing shrimp from the vessel. In addition, completed logbook pages are due with each landing and the **logbook page must reference the fish ticket numbers relevant to that trip**. Fishermen acting as catcher-sellers are reminded that fish tickets must be received by ADF&G within seven days of landing.

The department will be managing the fishery inseason to restrict harvest to no more than 25 percent of the GHL from any one statistical area. Inseason measures may include adjusting pot limits, time, and/or area in order to achieve the 25 percent statistical area harvest target. Fishery announcements regarding adjustments will be available on the harvest reporting message line at (907) 424-7215.

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